

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

It is therefore the task of the invention to create an earpiece for an “open” BTE hearing aids, for CI components (cochlear implant microphone systems and CI BTE processors), or BTE tinnitus systems, which are characterized not only by a minimal feeling of wearing a foreign body, and good wearing comfort, but primarily in that natural sound processing in the human ear can be utilized with as little distortion as possible, in order to ensure a maximum degree of hearing correction and sense of natural hearing.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A particular advantage of the earpiece according to ~~Claim 5~~ the present invention can be seen in that there is great freedom with regard to the structure of the clip that goes around the external ear in the shape of an arc, which in turn can be utilized for additional stabilization of the earpiece. ~~The further development according to Claim 6 goes in this direction.~~

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 9, with the following rewritten paragraph:

If the main body of the earpiece that provides the hold is extended into the region of the crus anthelicis, ~~according to Claim 7~~, stabilization of the main body is further improved, which makes it possible to further reduce the size of the main body. At the same time, this improves the wearing comfort, and it also has advantages in terms of cosmetics.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 17, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Fig. 1 shows an earpiece, with the reference number 20, for a BTE device, which is used in the cavum conchae, referred to with the reference number 22. The crus helices is referred to with the reference number 24, and the auditory canal, i.e. the meatus acusticus externus, is referred to with the reference number 26.